



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinichi TAKESHIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

Application No.: 10/088,648

Examiner: C. Johnson

Filed: March 20, 2002

Docket No.: 112342

For: **PARTICULATE MATTER PURIFYING CATALYST**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, please consider this Preliminary Amendment filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which Preliminary Amendment includes the following:

**Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and**

**Remarks.**